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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 12 noon.

## House of Representatives

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McNULTY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 3, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL R. McNULTY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: All things are created and all human endeavors come to an end. In You alone, Lord God, there is no beginning, no end.

As the 110th Congress of the United States of America comes to an end, be a source of comfort, reconciliation, and fulfillment to those respected Members who find this the end of their public service in the House of Representatives.

For all those who will continue to serve this Nation here, may their ideals be strengthened and their energy be renewed as they work to further the cause of freedom and equal justice under the law.

So, Lord, lead us in the path of peace and security now and forever.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 12, 2008.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 12, 2008, at 10:41 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7327.

That the Senate passed S. Con. Res. 107.  
Appointments: Congressional Award Board.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk of the House.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed by Speaker pro tempore HOYER on Thursday, December 11, 2008:

H.R. 6184, to provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, and for other purposes

H.R. 7311, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes

S. 3663, to require the Federal Communications Commission to provide for a short-term extension of the analog television broadcasting authority so that essential public safety announcements and digital television transition information may be provided for a short time during the transition to digital television broadcasting

S. 3712, to make a technical correction in the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008

S.J. Res. 46, ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the Office of Secretary of

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State are those which were in effect on January 1, 2007.

On Friday, December 12, 2008:

H.R. 7327, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and for other purposes

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McNULTY) at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes a.m.

### HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills and joint resolution of the following titles:

October 2, 2008:

H.R. 5551. An Act to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5893. An Act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

October 3, 2008:

H.R. 1424. An Act to provide authority for the Federal Government to purchase and insure certain types of troubled assets for the purposes of providing stability to and preventing disruption in the economy and financial system and protecting taxpayers, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3986. An Act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes.

October 7, 2008:

H.R. 923. An Act to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1199. An Act to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children.

H.R. 5834. An Act to amend the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 to promote respect for the fundamental human rights of the people of North Korea, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5975. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office".

H.R. 6092. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia,

as the "Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building".

H.R. 6437. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office".

H.R. 6889. An Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6893. An Act to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to connect and support relative caregivers, improve outcomes for children in foster care, provide for tribal foster care and adoption access, improve incentives for adoption, and for other purposes.

October 8, 2008:

H.R. 1157. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

H.R. 1343. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3068. An Act to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony.

H.R. 3229. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

H.R. 4120. An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5001. An Act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 5057. An Act to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5265. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies.

H.R. 5571. An Act to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5872. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6370. An Act to transfer excess Federal property administered by the Coast Guard to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

H.R. 6460. An Act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6890. An Act to extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under section 105 of subtitle A of title IV of division B of Public Law 109-148, relating to ele-

mentary and secondary education hurricane recovery relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6894. An Act to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6946. An Act to make a technical correction in the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008.

H.R. 7081. An Act to approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 62. A joint resolution to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes.

October 9, 2008:

H.R. 2851. An Act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

October 10, 2008:

H.R. 2963. An Act to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3480. An Act to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate punishment enhancements for those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans, and for other purposes.

October 13, 2008:

H.R. 1532. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5350. An Act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5618. An Act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6199. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 245 North Main Street in New City, New York, as the "Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building".

H.R. 6229. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Mayor William 'Bill' Sandberg Post Office Building".

H.R. 6338. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the "Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building".

H.R. 6849. An Act to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6874. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 156 Taunton Avenue in Seekonk, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdespinas Post Office Building".

October 14, 2008:

H.R. 928. An Act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a